

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 to 41 (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) Clips and covering for a floor, deck or arena cover, comprising:

one or more of the clips, at least one of the clips further comprising two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, and at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates, wherein the clips can clip with the clips clipped to the floor, deck or arena cover; and

a sheet or tarp attached to the clips via each clip's hook-and-loop type fastener;

wherein at least one of the clips further includes a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener, opposite the part of the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

43. (Previously Presented) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein the floor, deck or arena cover is an ice cover placed over ice in a hockey arena, and wherein the sheet or tarp is artificial turf.

44. (Canceled)

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46. (Previously Presented) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates are substantially parallel.

47. (Previously Presented) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates and the spacer are formed from a steel plate.

48. (Previously Presented) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the plates are square or rectangular shaped.

49. (Previously Presented) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer connects the plates at an edge of each plate.

50. (Withdrawn) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

51. (Withdrawn) Clips and covering as in claim 42, wherein for at least one of the clips, the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap, and further comprising the step of adjusting the gap.